THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under the provision of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976, Non-Governmental Organizations working in Delhi/New Delhi having definite social, educational, cultural, economic or religious programmes can received foreign contribution after obtaining registration or prior permission from the Ministry of Home Affairs. The details of NGOs which received foreign contribution and list of major donor countries/ Agencies are available in the Annual Report published by this Ministry. Copies of the Annual Report upto 2003-04 have been sent to the Parliament Library.

(c) Activities of registered NGOs are monitored by Monitoring Unit of this Ministry. The Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 empowers the Central Government to take action against voluntary associations for contravening its provisions. The action includes placing the association in the prior permission category, prohibiting it from receiving foreign contribution, freezing its bank account, and prosecuting it in a court of law. For further details, this Ministry's website *mha.nic.in/fcra.htm may be visited.*

Accessibility to ITBP border posts

2354. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only 50 out of 140 ITBP border posts could be accessed through roads;

(b) if so, the details of such accessible roads;

(c) the details of such inaccessible roads;

(d) the steps taken in this direction for accessing all the roads;

(e) whether Government are facing any financial crunch in this regard; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (d) India-China border is characterized

by high altitude terrain and relatively thin habitation which has resulted in inadequate road connectivity in areas close to the border. Many settlements as well as border posts are not connected by road. However, the Government proposes to undertake construction of 27 road links in the area of responsibility of ITBP in five States of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttaranchal, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh for providing better road connectivity to ITBP border out posts.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) The question does not arise.

Talks with NDFB

2355. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons as to why the Government have not yet initiated the formal discussion with the armed outfit National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB) though both have agreed upon to resolve the crisis through negotiation after having the cease fire agreement signed;

(b) whether the NDFB has raised any specific demands before Government so far; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB) has not yet submitted its demands to the Government.

(b) and (c) In view of (a) above, do not arise.

Discrimination in providing freedom fighters pensions

2356. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of freedom fighters and Indian National Army persons in the country, as on 30th September, 2005;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a vast difference in pension payment between the freedom fighters and Indian National Army persons;